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SUBJECT: KHMER REPUBLIC CREDENTIALS AND UNESCO 18TH
GENERAL CONFERENCE

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1) AS REQUESTED REFTEL A, CONFERENCE AGENDA IS BEING
POUCHED. GKR CAN BE ADVISED THAT CREDENTIALS CHALLENGE
WILL ARISE AT OPENING OF GENERAL CONFERENCE, WHICH
TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 15 BUT MORE LIKELY TO
OPEN OCTOBER 17 IN ACCORD ARAB REQUEST TO POSTPONE UNTIL
AFTER END OF MOSLEM RAMADAN. GKR, RVN, CHILE AND POSSIB-
LY ROK CREDENTIALS LIKELY BE CHALLENGED IN CREDENTIALS
COMMITTEE, COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS FOR EACH RE-
GION & BLOC, THAT WILL REFER TO FLOOR FOR PLENARY VOTE.

2. PERMDEL SOUNDINGS INDICATE THAT, BARRING MAJOR DIPLO-
MATIC OR MILITARY DEVELOPMENT, GKR HAS AT BEST ONLY SLIG-
HT CHANCES OF WINNING VOTE THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF DRIFT TO-
WARD ABSTENTION OR OPPOSITION AMONG THOSE COUNTRIES WHI-
CH VOTED IN FAVOR OF GKR OR ABSTAINED LAST YEAR.

3. GKR CREDENTIALS WERE UPHELD LAST OCTOBER AT UNESCO EX-
TRAORDINARY GENERAL CONFERENCE BY 42-30-23 (ABSTENTIONS),
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WHILE LATER UNGA VOTE DETERRING CREDENTIALS DECISION TO

29TH SESSION WAS 53-50-21.

4. U.S. PERMDEL COMPARISON OF VOTING PATTERNS (REFTEL B & C) INDICATED CONSISTENT PRO-GKR VOTES FROM MOST LATIN AMERICANS AND ASIANS. ARAB MODERATE MINORITY (KUWAIT, LEBANON, MOROCCO, AND QATAR) ABSTAINED WHILE MAJORITY OPPOSED. FRANCOPHONE AFRICAN STATES GENERALLY OPPOSED GKR IN BOTH VOTES, MODERATE ANGLOPHONES SWITCHED FROM ABSTENTIONS AT UNESCO TO SUPPORT AT UNGA, WHILE REMAINDER, MOST NOTABLY ETHIOPIA AND NIGERIA, CONSISTENTLY ABSTAINED.

5. COMMUNIST STATES OF COURSE VOTED AGAINST GKR, ALTHOUGH EAST GERMANS, POLES, AND BULGARIANS INEXPLICABLY ABSENT FOR UNESCO VOTE. NONCOMMUNIST DEVELOPED NATIONS GENERALLY SUPPORTED GKR, EXCEPT FOR FRANCE, WHICH CONSISTENTLY ABSTAINED, AND SCANDINAVIANS, APART FROM DENMARK, WHICH SWITCHED TO ABSTENTIONS AT UNGA AS DID AUSTRALIA.

6. ALGERIAN PERMREP (DERRADJI) IS PRESIDENT OF LDC'S "GROUP OF 77" AND "COORDINATION BUREAU OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES" ESTABLISHED AT UNESCO AFTER ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT LAST FALL. DERRADJI IS CERTAIN TO LOBBY HARD AMONG MODERATE AFRICANS AND ARABS WHO ABSTAINED

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LAST FALL FOR CHANGE TO OPPOSITION IN ACCORDANCE WITH STRONG ANTI-GKR RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT ALGIERS CONFERENCE.

7. KHMER REPUBLIC FURTHER HURT BY APPARENTLY WIDE-SPREAD BELIEF AMONG LDC PERMREPS HERE THAT SIHANOUK, NOT COMMUNISTS, IS "AUTHENTIC NATIONALIST" ACTUALLY IN COMMAND OF "GRUNK" INSURGENTS WHO IN TURN SEEN AS MASS MOVEMENT SEEKING OVERTHROW OF ARTIFICIAL REGIME, PROPPED UP BY FOREIGNERS (U.S.).

8. NEITHER GKR NOR U.S. HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANT LEVERAGE AMONG LDC'S THROUGH TRADE-OFFS TO CHANGE VOTES. HOWEVER, KHMER ARE CONCENTRATING ON AFRICAN AND OTHER LDC VOTES.

9. U.S. PERMDEL WILL CONTINUE TO CONSULT CLOSELY WITH KHMER HERE IN COMING WEEKS TO BACK UP THEIR EFFORT. WE WILL KEEP ADDRESSEE INFORMED AS TACTICS DEVISED.

10. RE REFTTEL B, DEPT MAY WISH CONSIDER SPECIAL EFFORTS CAPITALS IN TWENTY-FIVE KEY COUNTRIES WHOSE VOTING PATTERNS ANALYZED THAT CABLE.

11. DEPT REQUESTED TO BRIEF THOROUGHLY PROSPECTIVE CHAIRMAN U.S. DEL 18TH GENCONF. HE SHOULD BE FULLY CONFIDENTIAL

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PREPARED TO BEGIN MEETING WITH CHAIRMEN OF FRIENDLY DELEGATIONS IMMEDIATELY UPON ARRIVAL TO GAIN SUPPORT, AND HE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO SPEAK AT PLENARY SESSION IN STRONG SUPPORT UPHOLDING GKR CREDENTIALS. IRWIN

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